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Applicant: Yasuhiro TANAKA	Art Unit: 2817
Serial No.: 09/931,685	
Filed: August 16, 2001	Examiner: J. Bettendorf
Title: CENTER ELECTRODE ASSEMBLY AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREFOR, NONRECIPROCAL CIRCUIT DEVICE AND COMMUNICATION APPARATUS USING THE SAME	

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 11, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

This Amendment is being filed in accordance with the requirements of the Official Gazette Notice "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted," Official Gazette, vol. 1267 no. 4 (Feb. 25, 2003), and thus the requirement of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 that a clean copy of the claims be provided to the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office have been waived. A new complete claims set is provided herewith in accordance with the requirements of the Official Gazette Notice "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted," Official Gazette, vol. 1267 no. 4 (Feb. 25, 2003).

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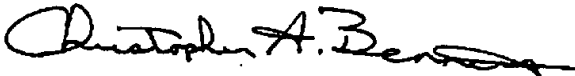
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To: Examiner Justin Bettendorf**From:** Christopher A. Bennett**Fax:** 703-872-9319**Date:** May 9, 2003**Phone:** 703-308-2780**Pages:** 10**Re:** 09/931,685**CC:****•Comments:**

Examiner Bettendorf,

Please find attached an Amendment After Final for U.S. Application No. 09/931,685.

Respectfully submitted,



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